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In re Application of
Britt, Bloemers, and Ford
Application No. 09/932,532
Filed: August 17, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 33053
For: CYLINDER HEAD AND CRANKCASE
MANUFACTURING AND ASSEMBLY
TECHNIQUES

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This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed August 17, 2001.

The petition is granted.

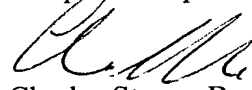
Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers.

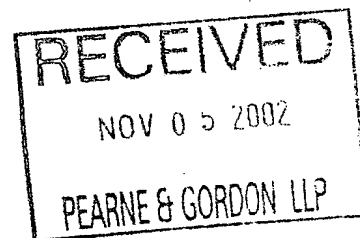
The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The file will now be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (703) 306-5683.


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Dear Mr. Britt:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703)308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703)308-9726 or 1(800)972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (703) 306-5683.

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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)	Attorney Docket Number	33053
	First Named Inventor	Alan Britt
	COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
	Application Number	/
	Filing Date	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) required)
Examiner Name		

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CYLINDER HEAD AND CRANKCASE MANUFACTURING AND ASSEMBLY TECHNIQUES

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

☐ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
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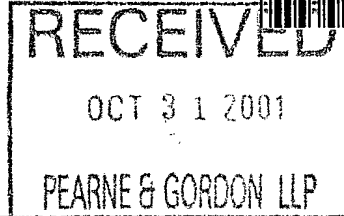
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DOC DATE: 07/31/2001

ASSIGNOR:

BLOEMERS, JAMES L.

DOC DATE: 07/31/2001

ASSIGNOR:

FORD, ELMER R.

DOC DATE: 07/31/2001

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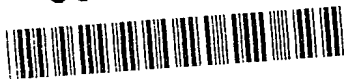
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Alan Britt, James L. Bloemers, Elmer R. Ford

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Name of Person SigningJeffrey J. Sopko
SignatureAugust 17, 2001
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ASSIGNMENT
(Joint)

WHEREAS, new and useful improvements and inventions have been made by the undersigned in

**CYLINDER HEAD AND CRANKCASE MANUFACTURING
AND ASSEMBLY TECHNIQUES**

and are the subject of a patent application prepared for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and executed by the undersigned on the dates indicated below in the appropriate spaces to the right of the signatures of the undersigned, which application is further identified as Pearne & Gordon Docket No. 33053.

WHEREAS, White Consolidated Industries, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to, and under said improvements and inventions and patent rights therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, all right, title, and interest, in the United States and throughout the world, in, to and under said improvements and inventions and all patents, patent applications, patent rights, and inventor's certificates thereof, therefor, and therein, including without limitation said application for patent in the United States, all divisions and continuations thereof, all patents which may be granted thereon, all reissues and extensions thereof, all right to sue for past infringement thereunder, all patents which may be granted for said improvements and inventions by states or nations other than the United States, or by other authority, entity, or organization, and all applications therefor, have been and are hereby sold, assigned, transferred, and delivered unto assignee, its successors and assigns; and it is covenanted and agreed by the undersigned, and for executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the undersigned, that at assignee's request any and all applications, affidavits, assignments, and other instruments will be made, executed, and delivered as may be necessary, or desirable to secure for or vest in assignee, its successors or assigns, any improvement, inventions, right, title, interest, application, patent, patent right or other right or property covered by this assignment, and the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby requested and authorized to issue any and all United States patents granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the same, and appropriately empowered officials of foreign countries are hereby authorized to issue any letters patent granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the same.

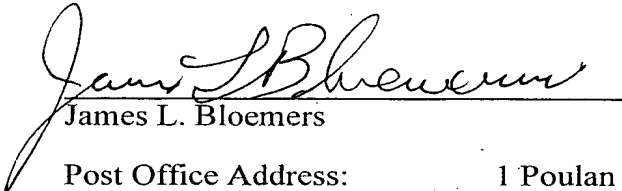
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Date I signed this assignment

Date I signed Declaration or Oath

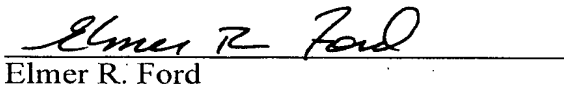
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The above named Alan Britt, known to me, appeared before me this _____ day of _____, 2001, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

(Notarial Seal)

Notary Public

STATE OF Arkansas
COUNTY OF Howard

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The above named James L. Bloemers, known to me, appeared before me this 31 day of July, 2001, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.


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COUNTY OF Howard

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The above named Elmer R. Ford, known to me, appeared before me this 31 day of July, 2001, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.


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